

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Mr. Mark P. Weichselbaum (Reg. No. 43,248), on May 09, 2011.

3. The application has been amended as follow:

4. In the claim:

56. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~57~~ 47, which comprises:
assigning at least one further traffic distribution weighting to the transmission paths with a minimum traffic distribution weighting entered in a routing table; and
using the further traffic distribution weighting if a transmission path is interrupted.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Ha Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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